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Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to ~~an~~ a mutually-determined arrangement between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a particular arrangement in order for the satisfier to enter into an arrangement with a particular requestor;

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entering into the computer system a request for a satisfier by a requestor identified as a system-qualified requestor, the request for a satisfier including a schedule of requirements established by the system-qualified requestor;

comparing in the computer system the schedule of requirements with the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria to establish a selected group of system-qualified satisfiers able to meet the schedule of requirements;

comparing in the computer system the requesting criteria of each satisfier of the selected group of system-qualified satisfiers with the first predetermined composite of criteria to establish a mutually-determined sub-group of satisfiers willing to enter into an arrangement with the system-qualified requestor entering the request for a satisfier;

outputting from the computer system the request for a satisfier for submission to the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers for timely responses by satisfiers of the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers;

inputting into the computer system timely responses by responding satisfiers of the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers, and outputting from the computer system the timely

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responses inputted by the responding satisfiers for selection by the requestor of a response from among those timely responses inputted by responding satisfiers;

inputting into the computer system a requestor selected response and outputting from the computer system the requestor selected response to notify the satisfier corresponding to the selected response of the selection of the selected response by the requestor; and

outputting from the computer system to the requestor the identity of the satisfier and outputting from the computer system to the satisfier the identity of the requestor for completion of the arrangement.

2(original). The method of claim 1 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

3(original). The method of claim 1 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement,

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a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

4(original). The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises a clinical trial, the requestor comprises a health-care provider, and the satisfier includes a candidate for potential participation in the clinical trial.

5(original). The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises a clinical trial, the requestor comprises a pharmaceutical provider, and the satisfier includes a health-care provider.

6(original). The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises the dissemination of information, the requestor comprises an information provider, and the satisfier includes a party interested in receiving the information.

7(original). The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises the referral of a patient exhibiting particular symptoms,

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the requestor includes a referring physician having observed the symptoms, and the satisfier includes a referred physician familiar with treatment of the symptoms.

8 (currently amended). A computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an a mutually-determined arrangement between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, the computer system comprising:

an inputting device for:

inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a requestor in order for the

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satisfier to enter into an arrangement with a particular requestor;
and

entering into the computer system a request for a satisfier by
a requestor identified as a system-qualified requestor, the request
for a satisfier including a schedule of requirements established by
the system-qualified requestor;

such that the computer system compares:

the schedule of requirements with the satisfaction criteria of
the second predetermined composite of criteria to establish a
selected group of system-qualified satisfiers able to meet the
schedule of requirements; and

the first predetermined composite of criteria with the
requesting criteria of each satisfier of the selected group of
system-qualified satisfiers to establish a mutually-determined sub-
group of satisfiers willing to enter into an arrangement with the
system-qualified requestor entering the request for a satisfier;
and

an outputting device for:

outputting from the computer system the request for a
satisfier for submission to the sub-group of system-qualified

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satisfiers for timely responses by satisfiers of the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers;

the inputting device further being operative for:

inputting into the computer system timely responses by responding satisfiers of the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers, and outputting from the computer system the timely responses inputted by the responding satisfiers for selection by the requestor of a response from among those timely responses inputted by responding satisfiers; and

inputting into the computer system a requestor selected response and outputting from the computer system the requestor selected response to notify the satisfier corresponding to the selected response of the selection of the selected response by the requestor; and

the outputting device further being operative for:

outputting from the computer to the requestor the identity of the satisfier and outputting from the computer to the satisfier the identity of the requestor for completion of the arrangement.

9(original). The computer system of claim 8 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the

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computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

10(original). The computer system of claim 8 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

11(currently amended). An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to ~~an~~ a mutually-determined arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor is inputted into the computer system and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier

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qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a particular arrangement in order for the satisfier to enter into ~~an~~ a mutually-determined arrangement with a particular requestor, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the mutually-determined arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

12(currently amended). An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to ~~an~~ a mutually-determined arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified

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requestor is inputted into the computer system and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the mutually-determined arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

13 (currently amended). In a computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an a mutually-determined arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein an inputting device is operative for inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to

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satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a particular arrangement in order for the satisfier to enter into an a mutually-determined arrangement with a particular requestor, the improvement wherein: the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the mutually-determined arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

14 (currently amended). In a computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an a mutually-determined arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein an inputting device is operative for inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer

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system, the improvement wherein: the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the mutually-determined arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

15 (withdrawn). A method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including vendor criteria pertaining to the ability of the seller to deliver goods or services, and vending criteria pertaining to requirements of the seller in a particular transaction in order for the seller to sell to a particular buyer;

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entering into the computer system a request for a quote by a buyer identified as a system-qualified buyer, the request for a quote including a schedule of requirements established by the system-qualified buyer;

comparing in the computer system the schedule of requirements with the vendor criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria to establish a selected group of system-qualified sellers able to meet the schedule of requirements;

comparing in the computer system the vending criteria of each seller of the selected group of system-qualified sellers with the first predetermined composite of criteria to establish a sub-group of sellers willing to sell to the system-qualified buyer entering the request for a quote;

outputting from the computer system the request for a quote for submission to the sub-group of system-qualified sellers for timely responses by sellers of the sub-group of system-qualified sellers;

inputting into the computer system timely responses by responding sellers of the sub-group of system-qualified sellers, each timely response including a price required by a corresponding responding seller, and outputting from the computer system the

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timely responses inputted by the responding sellers for selection by the buyer of a response from among those timely responses inputted by responding sellers;

inputting into the computer system a buyer selected response and outputting from the computer system the buyer selected response to notify the seller corresponding to the selected response of the selection of the selected response by the buyer; and

outputting from the computer system to the buyer the identity of the seller and outputting from the computer system to the seller the identity of the buyer for completion of the transaction.

16(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 wherein the request for a quote includes a schedule of intangible requirements, and the method includes comparing in the computer system the intangible requirements with the second predetermined composite of criteria to include in the selected group of system-qualified sellers only those sellers able to meet the intangible requirements.

17(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 wherein the responses of sellers outputted to buyers is limited in number to a predetermined number based upon lowest prices.

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18(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 wherein the schedule of requirements in the request for a quote includes a price which the system-qualified buyer is willing to pay and a preset deviation from the price, and the method includes, subsequent to outputting from the computer system the responses of the responding sellers, the selective inputting into the computer system of a modified request for a quote including an expansion of the deviation for submission of the modified request for a quote to the sub-group of system-qualified sellers.

19(withdrawn). The method of claim 18 wherein the schedule of requirements in the request for a quote includes a desired delivery schedule and the modified request for a quote includes a modified delivery schedule.

20(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the buyer of the performance of the seller, and including the rating in the vendor criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

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21(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the seller of the performance of the buyer, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

22(withdrawn). The method of claim 15 including storing in the computer system proprietary items pertaining to the goods or services to be purchased by the system-qualified buyer, and subsequent to outputting from the computer system to the buyer the identity of the seller and outputting from the computer system to the seller the identity of the buyer, outputting the proprietary items to the selected seller.

23(withdrawn). A computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, the computer system comprising:

an inputting device for:

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inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including vendor criteria pertaining to the ability of the seller to deliver goods or services, and vendee criteria pertaining to requirements of the seller in a buyer in order for the seller to sell to a particular buyer; and

entering into the computer system a request for a quote by a buyer identified as a system-qualified buyer, the request for a quote including a schedule of requirements established by the system-qualified buyer;

such that the computer system compares:

the schedule of requirements with the vendor criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria to establish a selected group of system-qualified sellers able to meet the schedule of requirements; and

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the first predetermined composite of criteria with the vendee criteria of each seller of the selected group of system-qualified sellers to establish a sub-group of sellers willing to sell to the system-qualified buyer entering the request for a quote; and

an outputting device for:

outputting from the computer system the request for a quote for submission to the sub-group of system-qualified sellers for timely responses by sellers of the sub-group of system-qualified sellers;

the inputting device further being operative for:

inputting into the computer system timely responses by responding sellers of the sub-group of system-qualified sellers, each timely response including a price required by a corresponding responding seller, and outputting from the computer system the timely responses inputted by the responding sellers for selection by the buyer of a response from among those timely responses inputted by responding sellers; and

inputting into the computer system a buyer selected response and outputting from the computer system the buyer selected response to notify the seller corresponding to the selected response of the selection of the selected response by the buyer; and

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the outputting device further being operative for:

outputting from the computer to the buyer the identity of the seller and outputting from the computer to the seller the identity of the buyer for completion of the transaction.

24(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 wherein the request for a quote includes a schedule of intangible requirements, and the inputting device is further operative for comparing the intangible requirements with the second predetermined composite of criteria so as to include in the selected group of system-qualified sellers only those sellers able to meet the intangible requirements.

25(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 wherein the outputting device is further operative for limiting in number the responses of sellers outputted to buyers to a predetermined number based upon lowest prices.

26(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 wherein the schedule of requirements in the request for a quote includes a price which the system-qualified buyer is willing to pay and a

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preset deviation from the price and, subsequent to outputting from the computer system the responses of the responding sellers, the inputting device further being operative for the selective inputting into the computer system of a modified request for a quote including an expansion of the deviation for submission of the modified request for a quote to the sub-group of system-qualified sellers.

27(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 26 wherein the schedule of requirements in the request for a quote includes a desired delivery schedule and the modified request for a quote inputted into the computer system by the inputting device includes a modified delivery schedule.

28(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the buyer of the performance of the seller, and including the rating in the vendor criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

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29(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the seller of the performance of the buyer, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

30(withdrawn). The computer system of claim 23 including a data storage device for storing in the computer system proprietary items pertaining to the goods or services to be purchased by the system-qualified buyer, the outputting device being further operative for outputting the proprietary items to the selected seller, subsequent to outputting from the computer system to the buyer the identity of the seller and outputting from the computer system to the seller the identity of the buyer.

31(withdrawn). An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction to be completed between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as

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a system-qualified buyer is inputted into the computer system and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including vendor criteria pertaining to the ability of the seller to deliver goods or services, and vending criteria pertaining to requirements of the seller in a particular transaction in order for the seller to sell to a particular buyer, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the buyer of the performance of the seller, and including the rating in the vendor criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

32(withdrawn). An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction to be completed between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer is inputted into the computer system and

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a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the seller of the performance of the buyer, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

33 (withdrawn). In a computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to a transaction to be completed between a system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified seller of goods or services, wherein an inputting device is operative for inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including vendor criteria pertaining to the ability of the seller to deliver goods or services, and vending criteria pertaining to requirements of the seller in a particular transaction in order for

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the seller to sell to a particular buyer, the improvement wherein:
the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the
computer system, subsequent to completion of the transaction, a
rating by the buyer of the performance of the seller, and including
the rating in the vendor criteria of the second predetermined
composite of criteria.

34 (withdrawn). In a computer system operated for the automatic
selection of parties to a transaction to be completed between a
system-qualified buyer of goods or services and a system-qualified
seller of goods or services, wherein an inputting device is
operative for inputting into the computer system a first
predetermined composite of criteria representing each buyer
qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified buyer
and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each
seller qualified to serve as a system-qualified seller in the
computer system, the improvement wherein: the inputting device is
further operative for inputting into the computer system,
subsequent to completion of the transaction, a rating by the seller
of the performance of the buyer, and including the rating in the
first predetermined composite of criteria.